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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of **Shohei TANAKA, Utane MATSUKAWA,**  
and **Hironobu ASANO** entitled "**PHARMACEUTICAL**  
**COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING BONE LESIONS**  
**IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA**"  
Assignee: **YAMANOUCHI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: **Q77228**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/869,122 (Confirmation No.2326) filed June 25, 2001, of **Shohei TANAKA, Utane MATSUKAWA** and **Hironobu ASANO** entitled "**PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING BONE LESIONS IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA**"; which is a 371 of PCT/JP99/07236, filed December 22, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims, Abstract, 2 sheets of drawings and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (as filed in the prior application).

Also enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement (accompanied by Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) - listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application).

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1617.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	10-368699	December 25, 1998

The priority document was filed in Parent Application No. 09/869,122 during entry of National Stage.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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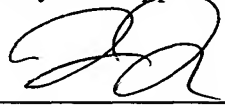
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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